THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) to (c) Kulu-Manali region of Himachal Pradesh has been included in the travel circuit of Kulu-Manali-Leh which has been identified in the National Action Plan for tourism by the Central Govt. The State Govt, of Himachal Pradesh has to formulate suitable projects proposal for infrastructural development for the region and field the same to the Central Government for extending financial assistance. So far, no proposal has been received from the State Govt, during 1992-93.

Starting Vayudoot service from Trivandrum and Madurai

832. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minster of OIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start Vayudoot service from Tnvandrum to Kanyakumari and Madurai to Kanyakumari in the near future ;

(b) if so, by when such a service is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, what are reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) to (c) Shortage of aircraft capacity and constrant of other resources do not at present permit starting of air services between Kanyakumari and TrivandrumlMadurai by Vayudoot.

वायुदूत के पास विमान

838 श्री महेश्वर सिंह : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय वायुदूत के पास कौन-कौन से और कितने विमान हैं तथा इनमें से कितने विमान पुराने हो चुके हैं और उड़ान के लिए सुरक्षित नहीं हैं ;

(ख) क्या वायुदूत ने नए विमानों की खरीद हेतु सरकार से अनुदान/वित्तीय सहायता मांगी है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) वायुदूत के विमान बेड़े में इस समय आठ डोनियर-228 और आठ एवरो एच. एस.-748 विमान हैं । इनमें से चार डोनियर और तीन एवरो परिचालन में लगे हुए हैं। इन विमानों के लिए नागर विमानन महानिदेशक द्वारा वैध उड़ान-योग्यता प्रमाण-पत्र जारी किए गए हैं ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Contingency plan for Airlines and Hotels

834. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a contingency plan to keep the airlines and the hotel operators functioning in the event of strike by their employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) In the event of strike, need based contingency plans are formulated by the respective organisat'ons to ensure that disruption of services is minimum.

Development of Tourism in Punjab

835. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken by his Ministry for the development of tourism in the State of Punjab; and